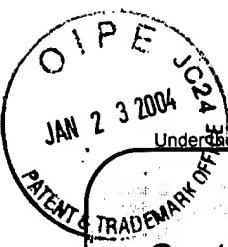


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First Named Inventor	Bruestle
Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	Falk, Anne Marie
Attorney Docket Number	VOS-012 (107070-113)

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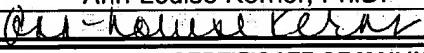
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e).

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on October 3, 2003, Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 20 of this paper.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.